

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JULY 15, 2019

The Warren County Commissioners met for their third meeting in the month of July 2019. Present for the meeting were Clay Andrews, Brian Jordan, Adam Hanthorne and Jud Barce/Mallory Redlin, County Attorney. Also, in attendance were Matt Herndon, Jenny Hobaugh, Walt Wilson, Charity Shettle, Michelle Stucky, Marci Burton, Lori Austin, John Comer, Randy Haddock, Rusty Hart, John Kuiper, Jenny Eades - Health Dept, Cody Craigin, Marty Blessing.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan, President of the Commissioners.
2. Brian Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Brian Jordan requested remove the petitions to vacate streets Gregg and Griffin, Security Ordinance. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the revised agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the July 1 and 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the July 1, 2019 through July 15, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the July 3, 2019 Payroll Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway Department – Matt Herndon, Highway Department Superintendent, presented 2 bids from Newell Construction for bridge #123 in the amount of \$112,000 and bid from previous meeting for \$97,950. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the bid from bridge #123 in the amount of \$97,950.00 paid from Cumulative Bridge fund with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Herndon stated chip and seal started Friday on River Road, but the heat has made it difficult. State Line Road will be the next road then Briscoe Road after the Tractor Show. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager, stated she will be sending in the 8 locations to the State for the Community Crossings Grant application. Clay Andrews inquired about potholes being repaired on State line road between 200 to 300. Herndon stated the portion of road is the responsibility of the Illinois township and he will call to see about getting this repaired. Adam Hanthorne stated 400W is in much better shape. The Commissioners commended the Highway for a good job on the roads. Herndon stated mowing is continuing as well.
 - f. Purdue Extension 2020 budget – Kelly Pearson, Extension coordinator and Jean Akers, coordinator presented the 2020 budget to the Commissioners. Pearson stated the Extension office was broken into over the weekend. Pearson explained the submitted budget has been cut. The data manager part time position has been filled and Kim Hutson has been hired to replace Billie Jo Pummel who is retiring. The Extension Custodian was added from the commissioner's budget. Postage has been decreased as most mailings are bulk as well as email and postcards. Mileage is reimbursed by Purdue. The duplicator machine was retired and can sold in the county sale.
 - g. Pine village Fire Department – Marty Blessing and Cody Craigin explained the need for rope rescue equipment to be stored at the Pine Village Fire Department but used throughout the county. Craigin explained that a grain rescue tube was donated to the Pine Village Fire Dept. Currently there are 4 people trained for rope rescue and other are continuing to train. Having the equipment is a need as cannot train as well as cannot provide the services without equipment. The initial purchase was for bare bones equipment and after taking the class it was discovered that having the equipment costing \$10,000 would be needed. Blessing explained they will cross train with West Lebanon and Williamsport Fire Depts as well. Craigin explained the cost of the equipment would be \$10,559. The budget does not support the purchase of large equipment. The commissioners tabled to review until the August 5th meeting.
 - h. John Warf, County Resident – Speed Limit Sign at 500 N and 1125 E in Greenhill. Warf explained there are several families in that area and there have been several incidents. After much discussion, Jordan stated he will look in the area and the commissioner will discuss a solution. They will contact Warf after looking into.
 - i. Zoning/BZA/APC Attorney Position – John Kuiper, Zoning Director, explained as John Larson has retired, they are asking for Jud Barce to the BZA/Zoning attorney. Jud Barce, County Attorney, explained the Commissioners appoint the BZA and the APC hire their own. The funds are paid from the zoning budget. Adam Hanthorne inquired about a conflict with Barce being County Attorney and BZA Attorney. Barce stated if there would be a conflict then he must inform the commissioners and BZA. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Barce and Redlin to the BZA Attorney position with a second from Brian Jordan. Clay Andrews and Brian Jordan voted in favor and Adam Hanthorne voted against.
 - j. Employee Handbook Committee – Jordan explained the handbook has been in need of updating. Jordan suggested forming a committee to begin the process. After much discussion it was decided to have a Commissioner, 2 Council, Auditor, Treasurer, Sheriff, Jill Wilson on the Committee.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Randy Haddock, Surveyor –Haddock suggested using LTAP for the personal paying of blacktop paving. Haddock will send the contact information to the Commissioners.
 - b. John Kuiper, Zoning Director, explained the APC is struggling with schedules to hear the special meeting for the WECs amendments. Kuiper suggested the zoning ordinance should be reviewed and updated. Barce stated the comprehensive plan needs to be updated.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Jud Barce, County Attorney, presented the zoning ordinance for WECs that was approved at the July 1st meeting to be signed as well as the moratorium for the CAFO that was approved at the July 1st meeting to be signed.
 - b. State Line City Concerning Tax Sale Parcel – Jordan explained to the public that a parcel in State Line has been on tax sale and certificate sale, the Commissioners will donate the parcel to State Line. Adam Hanthorne made

motion to approve the ordinance #2019-0715 donating the parcel with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.


6. Public Comment:

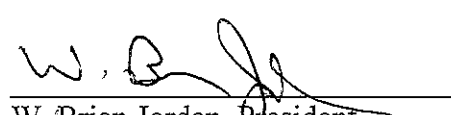
- a. Hunter Armstrong – Jordan Creek Windfarm update. The micro sighting has been complete and next step is meeting with the landowners to discuss the turbine locations and above ground lines. This will also be discussed with the High Superintendent. The commencement of construction will be discussed with the Commissioners and Council. Armstrong explained they are asking for a delayed spring commitment date with the Economic Development payments remaining as scheduled. Surveying will begin the next weeks for off road access for participating and nonparticipating landowners. The land team will be contacting landowners. Westwood does require notification consent of the landowners. This is not State policy but they are keeping the public updating as NextEra feels it is very important for all landowner rights. Hanthorne inquired about the surveying of the nonparticipating landowners. Armstrong explained the surveyor process. Rusty Hart, Sheriff, inquired about the participating and nonparticipating notifications. Armstrong explained in 2 weeks there will be calls as well as individual contact made. Kuiper inquired about an actual map of the array. Armstrong stated the array has not been completed at this point.
- b. Clay Andrews inquired about the Pine Creek Niches right of way agreement. Jordan explained this is a county owned parcel and Niches will advertise as a way to access pine creek. Niches will maintain the weeds and signage. Barce explained this would be a lease agreement. Clay Andrews made a motion to grant a lease to Niches Land Trust until 12/31/20 for the property located at SE SW 4-22-8W in Warren County with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

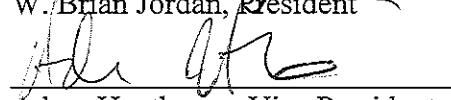
Next Commissioner will be held July 29th at 8:30 a.m. then August 5, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m. in the Warren County Commissioner room.

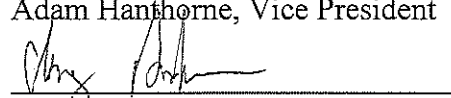
There being no further business Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


Clay Andrews